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Approved: NI QIAN
Assistant United States Attorney

Before: THE HONORABLE ONA T. WANG
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

YICHAO CHEN,

Defendant.

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RULE 5(c)(3)
AFFIDAVIT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss:

MICHAEL ACANFORA, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), and charges as follows:

On or about May 31, 2018, the United States District Court for the Central District of California issued a warrant for the arrest of "Yichao Chen" based on an indictment charging "Yichao Chen" with one count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h) (conspiracy to commit money laundering). A copy of the arrest warrant and the indictment are attached as Exhibit A hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

I believe that YICHAO CHEN, the defendant, who was arrested on September 17, 2019, in the Southern District of New York, is the same person as the "Yichao Chen" who is wanted by the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

The bases for my knowledge and for the foregoing charge are, in part, as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the DEA. I have been personally involved in determining whether YICHAO CHEN, the defendant, is the same individual as the "Yichao Chen" named in the May 31, 2018, arrest warrant from the United States District Court for the Central District of California. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of

establishing the identity of the defendant, I have not included in this Affidavit each and every fact that I have learned. Where I report statements made by others, those statements are described in substance and in part, unless otherwise noted.

2. Based on my review of documents from proceedings in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, I know that, on or about October 24, 2018, the United States District Court for the Central District of California issued a warrant for the arrest of "Yichao Chen" (the "Arrest Warrant"). The Arrest Warrant was based on a criminal complaint charging "Yichao Chen" with one count of violating 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h) (conspiracy to commit money laundering). The Indictment was issued in connection with case number 18-cr-335 in the Central District of California.

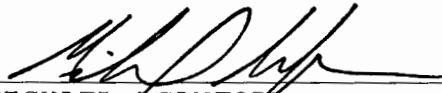
3. On September 17, 2019, at approximately 2 pm, YICHAO CHEN, the defendant, appeared at 26 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, for an immigration matter, where he presented identification cards demonstrating his name is "Yichao Chen."

4. I have received from other law enforcement officers photographs of the "Yichao Chen" named and sought in the Arrest Warrant.

5. Based on my visual comparison of the provided photographs with YICHAO CHEN, the defendant, I believe that the "Yichao Chen" sought in the Arrest Warrant is the defendant, YICHAO CHEN.

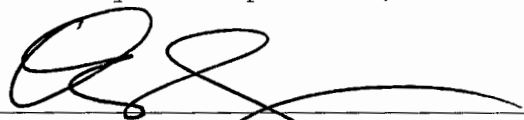
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WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that YICHAO CHEN,
the defendant, be imprisoned or bailed as the case may be.



MICHAEL ACANFORA
SPECIAL AGENT
Drug Enforcement Administration

Sworn to before me this
18th day of September, 2019.



THE HONORABLE ONA T. WANG
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

United States of America

Plaintiff(s)

v.

CASE NUMBER:

CR 18-335-AB

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YICHAO CHEN

Defendant(s)

**WARRANT FOR ARREST
UNDER SEAL**

TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL AND ANY AUTHORIZED UNITED STATES OFFICER

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest YICHAO CHEN,

and bring him/her forthwith to the nearest Magistrate Judge to answer a(n): ☐ Complaint ☒ Indictment
☐ Information ☐ Order of Court ☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice

Charging him/her with: (ENTER DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE BELOW)

18 U.S.C. § 1956(h): Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments**in violation of the following Title, United States Code, Section(s):****SEE ABOVE**Kiry K. Gray
NAME OF ISSUING OFFICERClerk of Court
TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF DEPUTY CLERK

May 31, 2018 LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
DATE AND LOCATION OF ISSUANCEBY: FREDERICK F. MUMM
NAME OF JUDICIAL OFFICER**RETURN**

THIS WARRANT WAS RECEIVED AND EXECUTED WITH THE ARREST OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT AT (LOCATION):

DATE RECEIVED

NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER

DATE OF ARREST

TITLE

DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT
CONTAINED ON PAGE TWO

SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER

WARRANT FOR ARREST

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

United States of America <div style="text-align: center;">v.</div> YICHAO CHEN	Plaintiff(s)	CASE NUMBER: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CR 18-335-AB</div> <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>
Defendant(s)		WARRANT FOR ARREST UNDER SEAL

ADDITIONAL DEFENDANT INFORMATION

RACE:	SEX:	HEIGHT:	WEIGHT:	HAIR:	EYES:	OTHER:
DATE OF BIRTH: 1989						
		SCARS, TATTOOS OR OTHER DISTINGUISHING MARKS:				
AUTO YEAR:	AUTO MAKE:	AUTO MODLE:		AUTO COLOR:		AUTO LICENSE NO.
						ISSUING STATE
LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE:				LAST KNOWN EMPLOYMENT		
FBI NUMBER:						
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:						
INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY NAME: DEA				INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY ADDRESS:		
NOTES:						

WARRANT FOR ARREST

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CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DIST. OF CALIF.
LOS ANGELES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

October 2017 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOSE LEONEL PAYAN CASTILLO,

aka "LA VAINILLA,"

aka "AS D ORO,"

aka "OBRERO,"

aka "LA PUMA,"

aka "EL PROFETA,"

aka "EL AUSENTE!,"

aka "MEDIADOR!,"

FNU LNU,

aka "RALPHEE,"

aka "RODOLFO,"

aka "LIC RODOLFO,"

aka "MARIANO,"

JAIME ARTURO GASTELUM VEGA,

aka "GREGORIO,"

aka "PASCUAL,"

ROGELIO PAYAN PALMA,

aka "SANTOS,"

GUOHUA LUO,

aka "JUANCARO,"

aka "JUAN,"

aka "JC,"

FNU LNU,

aka "VIVI,"

aka "VIVIVI,"

JIAZE XIA,

aka "JZ,"

aka "Jason,"

YICHAO CHEN,

MICHAEL ANTHONY TREVINO,

SANTANA LEYVA LOPEZ,

CR No. 18CR00335-AB

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute and to Distribute Controlled Substances; 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1): Possession With Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Controlled Substances; 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(i): Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime; 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1): Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 21 U.S.C. § 860(a): Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances Near Schools; 21 U.S.C. §§ 848(a), (b), (s): Continuing Criminal Enterprise; 18 U.S.C. § 1956(h): Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments; 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i): Laundering of Monetary Instruments; 18 U.S.C. § 2(a): Aiding and Abetting; 21 U.S.C. § 853; 18 U.S.C. § 924(d); 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c); 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1): Criminal Forfeiture]

1 PIERRE VINCENT FUENTES,
 REMIGIO ALVAREZ HERRERA,
 2 aka "Remigio Herrera,"
 MARIA IMELDA JAUREGUI,
 3 aka "Maria Imelda Garcia,"
 aka "Mary,"
 4 MARCOS TOVAR,
 aka "Juan Carlos Machado
 5 Lares,"
 aka "Jesus Inzunza Viveros,"
 6 ALEJANDRO MEDRANO,
 JOSE VARGAS,
 7 JOSHUA DONOVAN CORTEZ,
 aka "Blanco,"
 8 ISMAEL PARRA VEGA,
 RONG JIANG,
 9 WEI CHANG GONG,
 aka "Ray Gong,"
 10 ALVARO CASILLAS VILLAREAL,
 JOHN XIAO MING HE,
 11 aka "John He"
 SANTIAGO PENA-SANCHEZ,
 12 JIMMY ZHI QIANG YU,
 aka "Jacky," and
 13 JUN ZHANG,

14 Defendants.

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16 The Grand Jury charges:

17 COUNT ONE

18 [21 U.S.C. § 846; 18 U.S.C. § 2(a)]

19 A. OBJECTS OF THE CONSPIRACY

20 Beginning on a date unknown and continuing to on or about May
 21 31, 2018, in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, within the
 22 Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendants JOSE LEONEL
 23 PAYAN CASTILLO, also known as ("aka") "LA VAINILLA," aka "AS D ORO,"
 24 aka "OBRERO," aka "LA PUMA," aka "EL PROFETA," aka "EL AUSENTE!," aka
 25 "MEDIADOR!" ("PAYAN CASTILLO"), First Name Unknown Last Name Unknown
 26 ("FNU LNU"), aka "RALPHEE," aka "RODOLFO," aka "LIC RODOLFO," aka
 27 "MARIANO" ("RALPHEE"), JAIME ARTURO GASTELUM VEGA, aka "GREGORIO,"
 28 aka "PASCUAL" ("GASTELUM VEGA"), ROGELIO PAYAN PALMA, aka "SANTOS"